

Spanish Cruise (spring 2012)

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Cruise ES-SPURS-1

Part of Spanish SMOS project: "MIDAS-6: Ocean Salinity and Soil Moisture Products from SMOS: Improvements and Applications"

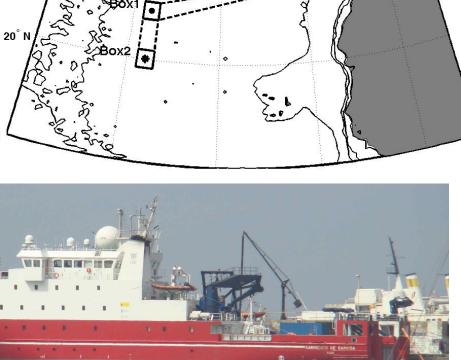
proposal presented Feb 2010

32-day cruise penciled in for 21 March-21 April 2012

Departure: Canary Islands 10° 1

Two proposed main sampling regions centered around

20N 38W and 25N 38W



R/V Sarmiento de Gamboa



Sarmiento de Gamboa

- Global (not polar)
- Overall length: 70.5 meters
- Endurance: 40 days
- Maximum speed: 15 knots
- Crew 16 / Scientists 26
- 8000m depth deployment ability

DOES IT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPURS?





http://www.utm.csic.es/doc/bo_sarmiento_de_gamboa/especificaciones/Brochure_SdGamboa.pdf SPURS Planning Meeting, Boston, Feb. 22-24, 2011



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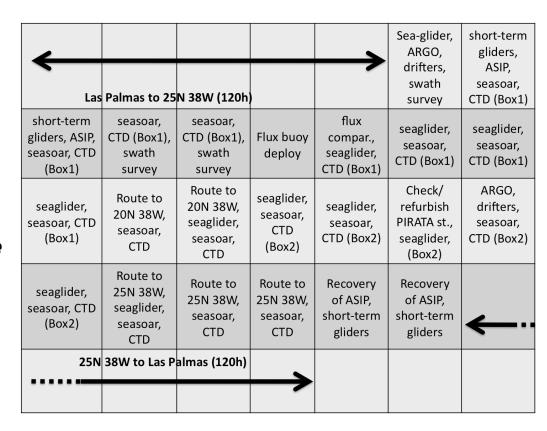
Very preliminary cruise plan included Considering spring 2012 was to be the first cruise, most of the equipment deployment from white paper was proposed:

- Mooring at 25N 38W
- gliders
- drifters
- profilers
- CTD stations...

NOT NECESSARILY THE CASE!

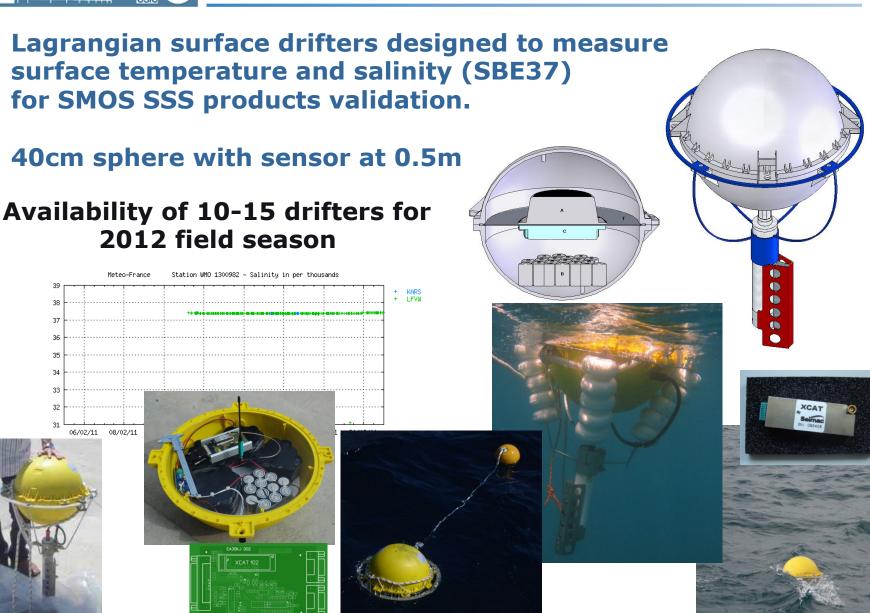
Questions: Who?

- -We have 8-10 ICM people
- -~16 remaining scientist? When?
- -scheduled for spring
- -final dates in 2-3 months
- -issues with budget
- -slight possibility of delay





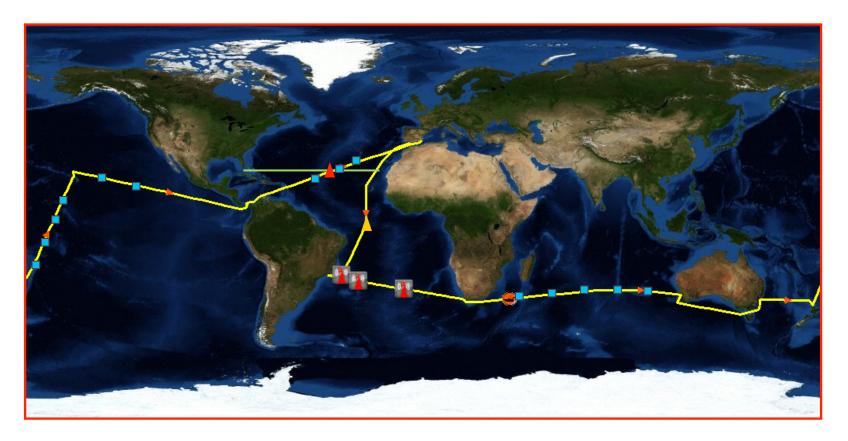
SMOS product validation with surface data



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SMOS drifter deployment during Malaspina



Yellow: Hesperides, Dec. 2010 - July 2011

Green: Sarmiento de Gamboa, Feb.- March 2011

deployed, ■ planned (ICM units); deployed (PacificGyre, LOCEAN)



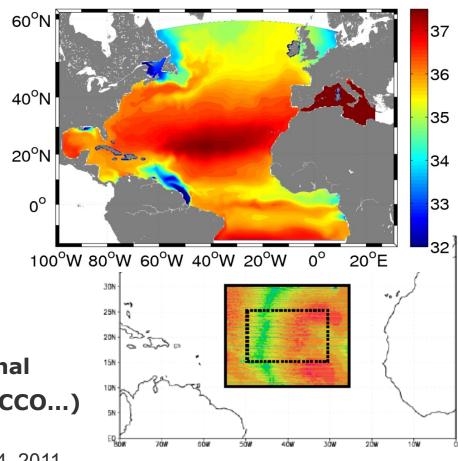
NEMO v3.3 (OPA) proposed 75 vertical levels 1/16° resolution

Ensemble Kalman Filter/Smoother to assimilate:

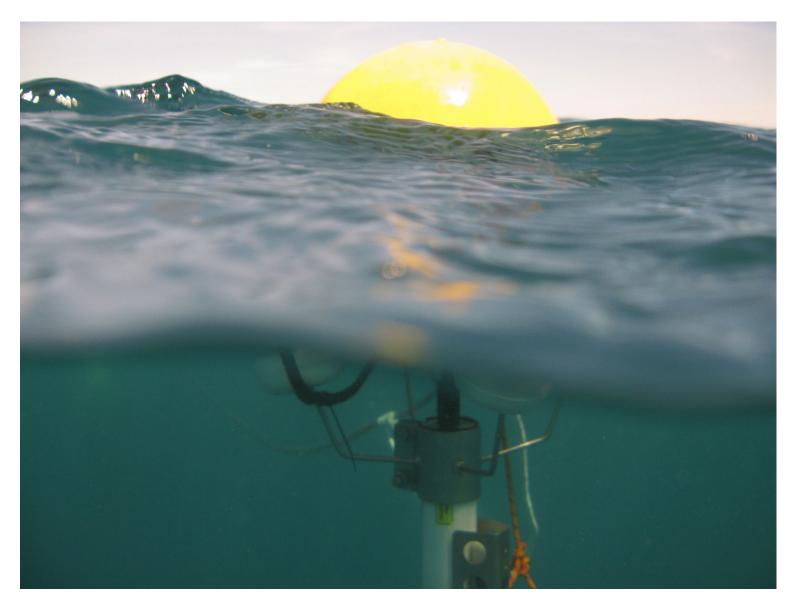
- SMOS & Aquarius SSS
- satellite SST, SSH
- cruise observations
- in-situ T, S
 (ARGO, mooring, drifters, gliders,...)

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additionally, analysis of operational simulations (HYCOM, Mercator, ECCO...)







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